

Form
990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax****Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

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2016**Open to Public Inspection****A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2016 , and ending 09-30-2017**

- B Check if applicable
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
Final
 Return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUST		D Employer identification number 45-3593119
% JAE PAK Doing business as CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA		E Telephone number (703) 224-3200
F Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1310 N COURTHOUSE RD STE 700		G Gross receipts \$ 3,550,797
H Name and address of principal officer JAE PAK 1310 N COURTHOUSE RD STE 700 ARLINGTON, VA 22201		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ►
I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ►(insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ► CV4A.ORG		
K Form of organization <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of formation 2011
		M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities OUR MISSION IS TO ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT WILL PRESERVE THE FREEDOM AND LIBERTY THAT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SO PROUDLY FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED TO DEFEND		
2 Check this box ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	1
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	1
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	163
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	2,695
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	15,935,188	3,524,557
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		133
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		-28,568
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	15,935,321	26,146

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	128,181	193,742
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	7,835,174	2,126,797
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	8,409,195	1,164,073
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	16,372,550	3,484,612
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-437,229	37,523

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	568,808	0
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		0
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		0

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer JAE PAK PRESIDENT & COO Type or print name and title	2018-08-15 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Michael J Engle	Preparer's signature Michael J Engle	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00482834
	Firm's name ► BKD LLP			Firm's EIN ►	
	Firm's address ► 1201 Walnut Suite 1700 Kansas City, MO 641062246			Phone no (816) 221-6300	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

OUR MISSION IS TO ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT WILL PRESERVE THE FREEDOM AND LIBERTY THAT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SO PROUDLY FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED TO DEFEND

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,536,469 including grants of \$ 193,742) (Revenue \$ 0)
See Additional Data	
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 473,212 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
See Additional Data	
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4e	Total program service expenses ► 3,009,681

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

- 1** Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A
- 2** Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?
- 3** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.**
Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 5** Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
- 6** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I
- 7** Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II
- 8** Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III
- 9** Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV
- 10** Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V
- 11** If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable
- a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
 - b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII
 - c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII
 - d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX
 - e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
 - f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- 12a** Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII
- b** Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional
- 13** Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 14a** Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
- b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV
- 15** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV
- 16** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV
- 17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)
- 18** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II
- 19** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

	Yes	No
1		No
2	Yes	
3	Yes	
4		
5		No
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11a		No
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e		No
11f		No
12a		No
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18		No
19		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

- 20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?
- 21** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J
- 24a** Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25a
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?
- 25a** **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
- 26** Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III
- 28** Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
36 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

	Yes	No
20a		No
20b		
21	Yes	
22		No
23	Yes	
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		No
25b		No
26		No
27		No
28a		No
28b	Yes	
28c		No
29		No
30		No
31	Yes	
32		No
33	Yes	
34	Yes	
35a	Yes	
35b		No
36		
37		No
38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 132	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c Yes	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 163	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b Yes	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a	
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9b	
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	13a	
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	1	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	1	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	8a	Yes	
a The governing body?	8b		No
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9		No
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O			

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed►	
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►JAE PAK 1310 N COURTHOUSE RD STE 700 ARLINGTON, VA 22201 (703) 678-4664	

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee"
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest

compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Officer or Director or trustee	Independent Trustee	Chaired Committee	Key employee of organization	Highest compensated officer	Former			
(1) RANDY LAIR TRUSTEE	2 0 0 0	X						75,000	0	0
(2) JOSH FISHER TRUSTEE	2 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
(3) JAE PAK PRESIDENT & COO	50 0 1 0		X					263,984	0	36,110
(4) MARK LUCAS PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	5 0 1 0		X					0	0	0
(5) JOSEPH GECAN VICE PRESIDENT (STRATEGY)	50 0 1 0		X					171,154	0	26,911
(6) DAN CALDWELL VP (POLITICAL ACTION)	50 0 1 0		X					158,294	0	22,214
(7) NATHAN ANDERSON NATIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR	50 0 0 0			X				125,212	0	282
(8) FRED FORD GENERAL COUNSEL	50 0 0 0			X				190,899	0	2,022
(9) KIMBERLEY PALMESE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR	50 0 0 0			X				118,239	0	7,211
(10) ANTHONY CIANO OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	50 0 0 0			X				133,358	0	303
(11) PETER GAYTAN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	50 0 0 0			X				128,839	0	8,735
(12) PETER HEGSETH former ceo	50 0 0 0				X			172,793	0	4,125

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

1b Sub-Total

c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A

d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)

1 537 772

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107 913

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 11

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3 Yes	
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4 Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
EVENTS STRATEGIES INC, 4416 WHEELER AVENUE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304	EVENT LOGISTICS	405,996
MADISON RISING, 39-14 213TH STREET BAYSIDE, NY 11361	EVENT ENTERTAINMENT	105,000

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 2

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b Membership dues . . .	1b					
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,524,557				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►		3,524,557				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►		0				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ►		94			94	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►		0				
	5 Royalties ►		0				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)	0	0				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ►			0			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			28,662				
c Gain or (loss)			-28,662				
d Net gain or (loss) ►			-28,662			-28,662	
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a			0				
b Less direct expenses b			0				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ►			0				
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a			0				
b Less direct expenses b			0				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ►			0				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a			0				
b Less cost of goods sold b			0				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ►			0				
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a OTHER INCOME	900099		26,146			26,146	
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►		26,146					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ►		3,522,135				-2,422	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	193,742	193,742		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, line 15 and 16	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	254,962	254,962		
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	17,000	13,600	3,400	
7 Other salaries and wages	1,538,314	1,230,651	307,663	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	20,293	16,234	4,059	
9 Other employee benefits	173,143	170,868	2,275	
10 Payroll taxes	123,085	98,468	24,617	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	1,285	707	578	
b Legal	0			
c Accounting	0			
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	181,797	181,797		
12 Advertising and promotion	127,113	127,113		
13 Office expenses	151,676	121,341	30,335	
14 Information technology	78,904	74,170	4,734	
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	53,069	42,455	10,614	
17 Travel	416,105	332,884	83,221	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	124,076	124,076		
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,614	1,632	1,982	
23 Insurance	10,745	9,292	1,453	
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a _	0			
b _	0			
c _	0			
d _	0			
e All other expenses	15,689	15,689		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,484,612	3,009,681	474,931	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				
Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	172,884	1	0
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	207,515	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	13,663	4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	128,292	9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 0		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 0	33,958	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	12,496	15	0
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	568,808	16	0
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	606,331	17	0
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	606,331	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-37,523	27	0
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	-37,523	33	0
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	568,808	34	0

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,522,135
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,484,612
3 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	37,523
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-37,523
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6 Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7 Investment expenses	7	
8 Prior period adjustments	8	
9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	0

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b		No
2c		
3a		No
3b		

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 45-3593119

Name: VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUST

Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA TRANSLATED THE EXPERIENCE, CONCERNS, AND HOPES OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO A COMMON VISION OF LIBERTY AND FREEDOM. WE PROVIDED A NEW AND UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE ISSUES THAT THREATEN TO CRIPPLE NOT ONLY OUR ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL SECURITY, BUT THE SPIRIT OF OPPORTUNITY AND LIBERTY THAT WE FOUGHT TO DEFEND AND ALL AMERICANS CHERISH. WE BROUGHT THAT FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OUR LEADERS THROUGH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RALLIES, ADVOCACY, EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, WEB CONTENT AND MEDIA APPEARANCES, BOTH DIRECTLY AND BY TRAINING, EQUIPPING, AND EMPOWERING CITIZEN ACTIVISTS TO THE SAME.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA CONDUCTED LARGE-SCALE GRASSROOTS, PAID, AND ONLINE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTING MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL FAILURES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS FAILURES OF LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN BOTH CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND DISCUSSING POTENTIAL SHORT- AND LONG-TERM POLICY SOLUTIONS TO THOSE INSTITUTIONAL FAILURES

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2016****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
 ►Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 ►Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization

VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUST

Employer identification number

45-3593119

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ 473,212
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 473,212
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ 473,212
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ► if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check ► if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? Yes No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

- | | (a) | (b) |
|--|--------|-----|
| | Yes | No |
| | Amount | |
| 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of | | |
| a Volunteers? | | |
| b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? | | |
| c Media advertisements? | | |
| d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? | | |
| e Publications, or published or broadcast statements? | | |
| f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? | | |
| g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? | | |
| h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? | | |
| i Other activities? | | |
| j Total Add lines 1c through 1i | | |
| 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? | | |
| b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 | | |
| c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 | | |
| d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? | | |

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| | 1 | 2 |
| | 3 | |
| 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? | 1 | |
| 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? | 2 | |
| 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? | 3 | |

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

- | | 1 | |
|--|----|--|
| | 2a | |
| | 2b | |
| | 2c | |
| | 3 | |
| | 4 | |
| | 5 | |
| 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members | 1 | |
| 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid). | 2a | |
| a Current year | 2b | |
| b Carryover from last year | 2c | |
| c Total | 3 | |
| 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues | 4 | |
| 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? | 5 | |
| 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) | | |

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule C, Part 1-A, Line 1	Political expenditures include direct mail, grassroots advocacy, and broadcast television ads. SOME OF THE POLITICAL EXPENDITURES WERE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO THE FEC IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEC RULES

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2016****Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUSTEmployer identification number
45-3593119**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Americans for Prosperity 1310 N Courthouse Rd Ste 700 Arlington, VA 22201	75-3148958	501(C)(4)	183,342				general operations

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ►
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ►

1

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART II, LINE 1	GRANT FUNDS WERE PAID PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT REQUIRING THE RECIPIENT TO EXPEND THE FUNDS FOR EXCLUSIVELY 501(C)(4) PURPOSES THE ORGANIZATION REVIEWS THE RECIPIENT'S FORM 990, IRS TAX-EXEMPTION LETTER, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BY-LAWS, AND VALIDATES THE RECIPIENT'S TAX ID NUMBER

2015**Open to Public
Inspection****Schedule J**
(Form 990)Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**Compensation Information**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Name of the organization
VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUST

Employer identification number

45-3593119

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4		
4a	Yes	
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7	Yes	
8		No
9		

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

- First-class or charter travel Housing allowance or residence for personal use
 Travel for companions Payments for business use of personal residence
 Tax indemnification and gross-up payments Health or social club dues or initiation fees
 Discretionary spending account Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

- Compensation committee Written employment contract
 Independent compensation consultant Compensation survey or study
 Form 990 of other organizations Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 JAE PAKPRESIDENT & COO	(i) 203,804	60,000	180	8,591	27,519	300,094	
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	
2 JOSEPH GECAN VICE PRESIDENT (STRATEGY)	(i) 171,046	0	108	6,985	19,926	198,065	
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	
3 DAN CALDWELL VP (POLITICAL ACTION)	(i) 153,236	5,000	58	2,615	19,599	180,508	
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	
4 PETER HEGSETH former ceo	(i) 16,793	0	156,000	808	3,317	176,918	
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	
5 FRED FORD GENERAL COUNSEL	(i) 170,383	20,000	516	1,349	673	192,921	
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 4A	THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT AMOUNTS ARE DESCRIBED IN LINE 4A \$156,000 \$46,154 \$8,077
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 7	BONUSES AWARDED ARE BASED ON PERFORMANCE AND FMV IS CONSIDERED

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 1650

4958

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total						► \$						

Total

1

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) See Part V					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART IV	1) PHILIP HEGSETH 2) PHILIP HEGSETH IS THE BROTHER OF PETER HEGSETH, WHO IS THE FORMER CEO 3) \$ 17,000 4) PHILIP HEGSETH IS COMPENSATED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION 5) NO

Part I Liquidation, Termination, or Dissolution (continued)

Note. If the organization distributed all of its assets during the tax year, then Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 16 (Total assets), and line 26 (Total liabilities), should equal -0-.

- 3** Did the organization distribute its assets in accordance with its governing instrument(s)? If "No," describe in Part III

4a Is the organization required to notify the attorney general or other appropriate state official of its intent to dissolve, liquidate, or terminate?

b If "Yes," did the organization provide such notice?

5 Did the organization discharge or pay all of its liabilities in accordance with state laws?

6a Did the organization have any tax-exempt bonds outstanding during the year?

b If "Yes" on line 6a, did the organization discharge or defease all of its tax-exempt bond liabilities during the tax year in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and state laws?

c If "Yes" on line 6b, describe in Part III how the organization defeased or otherwise settled these liabilities. If "No" on line 6b, explain in Part III

	Yes	No
3	Yes	
4a		No
4b		
5	Yes	
6a		No
6b		

Part II Sale, Exchange, Disposition, or Other Transfer of More Than 25% of the Organization's Assets

Complete this part if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 32, or Form 990-FZ, line 36. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

- 2** Did or will any officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization
a Become a director or trustee of a successor or transferee organization?
b Become an employee of, or independent contractor for, a successor or transferee organization?
c Become a direct or indirect owner of a successor or transferee organization?
d Receive, or become entitled to, compensation or other similar payments as a result of the organization's significant disposition of assets?
e If the organization answered "Yes" to any of the questions on Items 2a through 2d, provide the name of the person involved and explain in Part III ►

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
2c		
2d		

Part III

Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 2e and 6c, and Part II, line 2e. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule N, Part I, Line 2b	JAE PAK, JOSEPH GECAN, AND DAN CALDWELL WERE HIRED AS EMPLOYEES OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

VETS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM TRUST

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 3	Vets for Economic Freedom Trust ceased all operations and dissolved, and therefore ended all program services

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING TRUSTEE HAVING THE ABILITY TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, A SEPARATE LLC HAS THE POWER TO APPOINT ANOTHER TRUSTEE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THERE ARE NO SUCH COMMITTEES

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM PREPARED AND REVIEWED THE FORM 990 A FULL DRAFT OF THE 990 ALONG WITH ALL REQUIRED SCHEDULES IS THEN PROVIDED TO INTERNAL MANAGEMENT FOR REVIEW ALL QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED AND ANY MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE, IF NECESSARY THE FINAL FORM 990 ALONG WITH ALL REQUIRED SCHEDULES IS THEN PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTEE PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE TRUSTEE IS COVERED UNDER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEWS WITH THE TRUSTEE THE POLICY AND ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED A HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM A COMPENSATION STUDY. THE CONSULTING ORGANIZATION USED DATA FROM COMPARABLE NON-PROFITS TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR THE CEO. THE COMPENSATION IS APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15B	THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED A HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM A COMPENSATION STUDY. THE CONSULTING ORGANIZATION USED DATA FROM COMPARABLE NON-PROFITS TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR THE OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES. THE COMPENSATION IS APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ALL REQUIRED DISCLOSURES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNDER IRS REGULATIONS

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)****Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) CVA EVENTS LLC 1310 N COURTHOUSE RD STE 700 ARLINGTON, VA 22201 45-3763542	SUPPORT	DE	55,000	0	VFEFT

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
Yes	No					
(1) CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA INC 1320 N Courthouse Road ARLINGTON, VA 22201 46-3508366	EDUCATION	DE	501(C)(3)	7	VFEFT	Yes

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f Dividends from related organization(s)
- g Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

- k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n		No
1o		No
1p		No
1q		No
1r		No
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)
